

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Pursuant to a telephone conversation with the Examiner on 13 June 2003, a prior application paragraph has been added below the title of the patent application. As requested by the Examiner, a copy of both pages of the combined declaration and power of attorney has been included.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 were rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Muroya. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The amended claim 1 does not contain any new matter and is fully supported by the patent specification.

To summarize, the method of the binary signature device system of the present invention is an effective way of identifying a handwritten signature of the user. The user's signature may be used to uniquely identify the person and replace various passwords and other codes that are required by institutions such as banks and other authorities that have information that is protected from the public. An important feature of the present invention is that the user may gain access to the database of the computer system by inserting the pen into the opening of the surface unit.

Muroya merely shows a handwritten character verification method. It is submitted that Muroya completely

fails to teach or suggest the use of the opening by the pen as claimed in the amended claim 1. Muroya is using complicated warp and cumulative functions to compare differences between signatures. None of the cited references, including Muroya, shows the step of using an opening in the writing unit to gain access to a database.

None of the cited references teaches or suggests the features of the amended claim 1. Applicant submits that a person of ordinary skill would not turn to Muroya to learn about the steps of inserting the pen to gain access to the database when such step is completely missing from Muroya and the other cited references.

It is therefore submitted that the amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2, 4-8 are submitted to be allowable because they depend upon the allowable base claim 1 and because each claim includes limitations not taught or suggested in the cited references.

Claims 9-11, 13-15 and 17 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Muroya in view of Thompson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is submitted that Thompson is not prior art. Thompson was filed on 5 April 2000. The current application claims priority from provisional patent application serial no.

60/192,498 filed on 28 March 2000 that was before the filing date of Thompson. The original provisional patent application discloses the information covered by the claims so that the priority application fully supports the claims for priority purposes. It is respectfully requested that the Section 103 rejection be withdrawn.

It is therefore submitted that claims 9-11, 13-15, 17 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Muroya in view of Zank. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is submitted that claim 3 is allowable because the claim depends upon an allowable base claim 1 and because the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited reference.

Claims 12 and 16 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Muroya in view of Zank and Thompson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As explained above, it is submitted that Thompson is not a prior art reference and that the Section 103 rejection should be withdrawn.

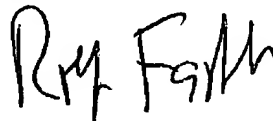
Claims 12 and 16 are therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The added claim 18 is submitted to be allowable over the cited references. The claim does not contain any new matter. It is submitted that none of the cited references teaches or suggests the step of inserting the upper end of the pen (that is opposite the writing tip) into the opening of the writing surface to activate the computer system in addition to the other limitations of the claim. Claim 18 is submitted to be allowable.

The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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